

PROGRAM PLANNING AND QUALITY

Michigan State Plan: Goals for Adult Education

The Workforce Investment Act, (WIA) 1998 Title II: Adult Education and Family Literacy requires that states submit a state plan that contains state goals that assure service to adults and program effectiveness. Michigan's goals for adult education are listed below.

- **Goals for Fiscal Years 1999/2000-2003/2004 (Extended to FY 2004/2005)**

The purpose of the WIA Title II of 1998: Adult Education and Family Literacy is to create a partnership among the federal government, states, and localities to provide, on a voluntary basis, adult education and literacy services, in order to 1) assist adults to become literate and obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for employment and self-sufficiency; 2) assist adults who are parents to obtain the educational skills necessary to become full partners in the educational development of their children; and 3) assist adults in the completion of a secondary school education.

The goals in the 1999/2000-2003/2004 (extended to 2004/2005) State Plan pertaining to programs of instruction are:

- Responsiveness to the complex variety of adult learning levels, contexts, and needs;
- Use of performance standards to continuously improve program services;
- Optimal use of available funding;
- Flexibility in meeting the needs of each service area;
- Equitable funding targeted to areas of greatest need;
- Strong instructional and administrative staff that respond to the needs of the adult learners;
- Inclusion of public and private partnerships that engage practitioners and partners in planning and delivering services;
- Professional development opportunities for adult education teachers, administrators, and support personnel with particular emphasis placed on the groups being specified in the teacher training criteria section of the State Plan;
- School improvement models that strengthen and assess student performance, retention, job and post-secondary placement, and high school completion. The school improvement models should encompass the NRS performance indicators.